

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA**

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Capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indira Gandhi Feeder's head works located at Harike has a capacity of 15000 cusec against its design capacity of 18500 cusec;
- (b) if so, whether utility of this Feeder could be optimised by improving the installed capacity of Head works at Harike and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to direct/instruct/advise the State Government of Punjab for increasing the capacity of the said head regulator at Harike from 15000 cusec to 18500 cusec so that wastage of water can be avoided during floods; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with timeframe fixed in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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- (a) The design capacity of Head Regulator of Indira Gandhi Feeder at Harike is 15000 cusecs but the design capacity of Indira Gandhi Feeder is 18500 cusecs.
- (b) As informed by Government of Punjab, the capacity of Head Regulator at Harike was fixed as 15000 cusecs in accordance with share of 8 MAF of Rajasthan fixed during the inter-State meeting held on 30.01.1955. In view of this, any increase in the capacity of Harike Head Works, may not be appropriate.
- (c) & (d) No Madam. Since flood water contains more silt, it may not be feasible to utilise excess water during floods, as it may cause silting of canal.
